

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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A method for operating a device with at least one partial programme step of drying may be achieved with which it is possible to operate devices with at least a partial operating step of drying as economically as possible, with efficient drying of the material for drying and keeping the associated energy requirement as low as possible, whereby, during the at least one partial programme step of drying, air is drawn from a treatment chamber and/or from the ambient air, through an absorption column and then introduced into the treatment chamber, whereby the absorption column contains a reversible dehydrating agent and humidity is drawn from the air during the passage thereof.